Aruba's potential singing stars are in the spotlight at the Key Largo Casino!

The past two weeks have revealed that many of those living in Aruba should do more than save their singing for the shower! The "Aruba Karaoke Idol" competition began on Tuesday, October 16, and there was such a great response that management of the Key Largo Casino, hosts of the event, added an additional night of auditions to accommodate the remarkable amount of talent that have responded to the call.

"I was really surprised by the number and quality of the singers that have come to try out," revealed Casino Manager Sean Metcalf, "this is going to be a truly enjoyable event." Tuesday evening of this week witnessed some surprisingly professional performances in both English and Spanish, that brought Judge Alberto Groenveldt to his feet to dance along with the lively music.

Other judges on the panel of three include Ofo Escudero, lead singer of the band Tsunami and Mariene Croes, popular entertainer and now activities director of the Aruban Resort, both of whom expressed that they are very pleasantly surprised by the quality of the contestants.

Tuesday and Wednesday is normally Karaoke Night at the Key West Casino and Blue Marlin Restaurant, and until the finals in mid-December, those nights have been given over to the competitions. Originally the plan was to narrow down the field to forty competitors during two nights of auditions, but there was such an overwhelming response of quality performers they added another night of eliminations. The casino and restaurant was filled both nights with singers and their fan clubs, providing them with moral support.

Next week starts the official competition, with four quarter finalists chosen over the next month, and each winning 100 florins for their participation. Key Largo Casino advises all, "bring that singing talent out of the shower and show us what you've got!" It may win some talented individual a substantial cash reward and a free week at one of their many resorts around the world!